

**State of Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council  
State Plan Work Group  
Wednesday, April 13, 2011  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
1740 West Adams, Conference Room 411, Phoenix**

**DISCUSSION NOTES**

**Welcome and Introduction of Participating Members**

Marcella Crane convened the workgroup, including those in the conference room and those participating via phone.

**Review of Workgroup Notes**

The notes from the March 30 State Plan Work Group meeting were reviewed. There were no changes.

**Review Draft State Plan (Goals and Objectives/Assess Need for Additional Goals)**

Facilitator B. J. Tatro reviewed the draft goals and objectives with the group and recorded their comments. She will update the drafts accordingly.

***Goal 1***

There were questions about whether this needs to be a new coalition or if an existing one could be used. Some noted that there should not be a duplication of effort if there is an existing group that could be strengthened to meet the intent of the goal. The language in Objective 1.1 will be broadened to allow for this possibility. The creation of an evaluation plan will also be added to the implementation activities for this objective.

For Objective 1.4, it was recommended that the timeline be Year 2 and ongoing.

It was also recommended that additional collaborators be added, including State Agencies, nonprofit organizations and other providers, volunteer groups, and existing self-advocacy organizations.

It was noted that self-advocacy organizations will need funding for expenses such as transportation, photocopying, etc. when it comes time for implementation.

***Goal 2***

It was clarified that this and all the other goals, as well, relate to persons with developmental disabilities, not only individuals who are eligible for services from the State Division of Developmental Disabilities. It was recommended that everywhere the draft says “and their families” it be expanded to include others who support persons with developmental disabilities—who may or may not be family members.

It was recommended that Education and Early Intervention be added as an Area of Emphasis.

It was noted that work with persons with developmental disabilities and those who support them needs to start early, ideally when the person is a youth, perhaps even in middle school and that there should be a reference to working with and through the schools (Objective 2.1).

It was recommended that language be added to make it clear that this goal also relates to the expansion of current community integrated employment projects, perhaps in Objective 2.3 .

It was noted that the language in Objectives 2.2 and 2.3 should be stronger and it was recommended that the action be to influence through education and advocacy, not just to educate.

With respect to the preparation of issue briefs (2.2.2), DDPC should use what is already available and build on it or tailor it, but not start over. It was clarified that this goal does not anticipate that DDPC would engage in primary research on community integrated employment, but rather would draw from the good data sources that are available. It was noted that a dissemination plan is needed for getting information out to policymakers (2.2.4) and for getting information out to employers (2.3.3).

It was also recommended that additional collaborators be added, including some of the same ones mentioned for Goal 1, e.g., State Agencies (notably Vocational Rehabilitation, Behavioral Health). It was noted that DDPC should link with organizations such as the Arizona Employment and Disability Partnership at AHCCCS; Dara Johnson is the contact. The Arizona Department of Education and school districts should also be listed as collaborators.

### ***Goal 3***

The goal should say *developmental* disabilities, be expanded to include persons who support people with developmental disabilities, and make reference to choice as well as informed decision making.

With respect to Objective 3.1, it was noted that links may be direct or indirect so it might be better to use a word that conveys this rather than the word “provide.” The topics that are included in Objective 3.1 as examples might be broadened to include health and wellness, chronic disease prevention, and safety—or it might be better to not include any examples at all in the Objective language and deal with this elsewhere.

It was recommended that an additional implementation activity added to Objective 3.3 that relates to the provision of training and education, e.g., on accessing life planning information.

### ***Need for Additional Goals***

The Work Group discussed but decided not to include a fourth goal.

### **Data on Self-Advocates in AZ**

Steve Gaarder presented the draft list of advocacy organizations in Arizona that he had prepared. Members suggested some changes and offered ideas for groups that should be added. Any additional changes or additions should be sent to Larry Clausen. There was a brief discussion of how self-advocacy groups work together at this time. It was noted that ABIL has a listserv that includes many self-advocacy groups but no other coordinating functions/bodies were mentioned.

**Review of Values and Vision Statements**

No additional comments were received. Any final comments should be submitted right away. A final draft will be prepared and presented at the May 4 Work Group meeting.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 4, from 10:00 a.m. until noon at DDPC. At that time, the State Plan Work Group will review and finalize the goals and objectives, review a draft logic model that B. J. Tatro will prepare, and discuss evaluation of the plan.